

## Transportation Advisory Committee

October 19, 2016, 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conf. room

Present: Wayne Chouinard, Seth Federspiel, Melissa Laube, Marjorie Moores, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Jeanette Rebecchi, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Non-members present: None

Missing members: Mike Gordon, John Hurd, Jeff Maxtutis

Public Comments: none

Administration. Minutes of September 14, 2016 approved unanimously. Other handouts were reviewed. Howard announced that Jeanette has resigned from the Committee, and Victor is interested in moving up from Associate to Member. Howard will communicate with Selectmen. We will need to look for new Associate Members.

Town Meeting. Scott reported that Special Fall Town Meeting would be taking up adoption of a portion of the Municipal Modernization Act that would allow the Town to adopt safety zones with reduced speed limits. TAC voted unanimously to endorse its adoption by Town Meeting.

Complete Streets Data Collection on Gray Street. State requires before and after counts to evaluate impact of the project. CS Working Group discussed counting pedestrians at 4 locations with crosswalks. Voted unanimously to fund up to \$1000 for counts from TAC account.

Lowell Street at Reservoir. Jeanette presented recommendations for Selectmen.

Recommendations include: 8 new wheel chair ramps, new sidewalks from Westmoreland to West Court Terrace, Smart Driver Feedback Sign on approach from Lexington, solar powered Ped. Activated flashing beacon at Westmoreland, LED warning blinker signs on both approaches, and new pavement markings. Estimated cost is \$47,520. Voted unanimously to send recommendations to the Selectmen.

Town Issues and Activities: Discussions have continued regarding bike sharing. Scott and Seth have been working with Planning and Bike Advisory Committee to get information on Zagster and Hubway. Lexington and Bedford have more interest in Zagster for around town use, vs. station to station use which would be more feasible in Arlington, which is closer to existing stations in Cambridge and Somerville. Seth noted that there are over 100 Hubway members living in Arlington. This group is continuing to do research toward making a recommendation. Parking meter installation is underway. New meters are expected to be turned on in early November.

Wayne reported punch list for Mass. Ave. Rebuild is mostly complete. Utility poles have been removed. Dead trees will be replaced. Arlington Center project is moving along quickly. Everything except traffic signals should be complete by mid-November. Signal equipment is on order and can be installed whenever it arrives since foundations are already in. Installation of a new sign on Mass. Ave. near Route 16 prohibiting U-turns has been requested again. Corey responded that Jim Feeney should send the request to the Selectmen.

Corey reported working with Kurt on new parking signs in support of the parking meters.

Town Day. Will be discussed at next meeting.

Thorndike Place Comprehensive Permit. A Working Group reviewed the Developer's Traffic Impact Analysis. Howard presented the letter which went to the ZBA from TAC with comments on missing information and Town concerns about traffic in the area.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for September: Agenda 10/19/16; Minutes of 9/14/16; Individual Action List 10/19/16; Project List 10/19/16.
- Draft Memorandum, recommendation to the Selectmen on Lowell Street at Arlington Reservoir, including Traffic Sign and Pavement Marking Plan, and Lowell Street Preliminary Pedestrian Improvement Sketch-2, dated May, 2016
- Memo to Zoning Board of Appeals from Transportation Advisory Committee on Thorndike Place Traffic Impact and Access Study, dated September 26, 2016.
- 2017 Meeting Dates for Transportation Advisory Committee
- Email to Laura Wiener from Jim Feeney re. Traffic Issues: Request for action by the town, dated 10/11/2016.
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard Re. TAC Update Items, dated October 19, 2016.